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MAY

6	MAY DAY MELEES *Drygestan*
13-14	CORONATION *Caer Galen* O
21	MEET THE CANDIDATES O
24-29	GRAND OUTLANDISH *al-Barran* O

JUNE

10	A&S COLLEGIUM *Citadel of the Southern Pass* ❖
23-26	WARDERS OF THE WESTERN GATE *Fontaine dans Sable* ⌘

JULY

8	STAGS BLOODBATH *al-Barran* O
14-16	LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER *Drygestan*
22	BLACKWATER KEEP A&S *Blackwater Keep*
28-30	OUTLANDS 20th YEAR CELEBRATION *Dragonsspine*

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency O attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the populace,

Are you ready for Outlandish? Be you Capulet or Montague? The schedule is shaping up nicely with fighting and fun for everyone. It has been a wonderful although dry Spring so plan your cooking and heating needs accordingly as fire restrictions are likely. Get ready for the fighting and support our neighbors in Drygestan at May Day Melees on May 6th. They have traveled to join us for events and practice and now it is up to us to return the favor, so we expect to see lots of al-Barranians out on the field. And see the glory and pomp of the Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses in Caer Galen May 13 and 14th.

As we announced last month, we will be stepping down as your Baron and Baroness. Many details have now been made available, here is the timeline:

- Friday, April 28th: Letters of intent due to Their Royal Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses.
- Candidates found acceptable by the Crown will be announced as soon as available.
- Sunday, May 21st: Meet the Candidates, 1-3pm at Bataan Park.
- Sunday, May 28th: Baronial Polling, 12-3pm at Grand Outlandish (no charge to poll).
- Saturday, July 8th: Baronial Investiture, Stags Bloodbath.

Thank you all for your support and suggestions, keep them coming. If you have questions about the upcoming Polling process, please check out Corpora or ask us or the Seneschal.

Ryan BARON

Tana BARONESS

From the Seneschal

Greetings to the populace of al-Barran,

I wish to make it known that I will be officially stepping down as Seneschal of the Barony at Grand Outlandish this month. I have had the privilege of serving in this position for over two years, and feel it is time to let others have the fun of running the greatest Barony in the known world.

Our current Chronicler, Lord Y Port Lairge, has most graciously agreed to become the next Seneschal. His replacement as Chronicler will be Kymma Godric. Look for information from Y about the change over in the Chronicler's office, and how he and Kymma will be dealing with that. I would like to thank both of these individuals for their willingness to take on these jobs.

Beginning in May, please include Y on any communications dealing with the Seneschal's office. He is already aware of everything this office is currently dealing with as far as events and officer changeovers go. I have been bringing him up to speed on what he will need to do when he takes over, and the transition should be seamless. However, any communication should now be directed to both he and I from this point until Grand Outlandish.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers that have worked tirelessly during my time in office. Each of you certainly has made my job much easier. I wish to thank all those good gentles that have stepped forward to autocrat events. From the smallest of demos right up to Grand Outlandish, you have all done a superb job of making this game fun for everyone. Lastly, I wish to express my gratitude to the entire populace of al-Barran for the opportunity you have given me to hold this office. Remember one can only lead if those that follow believe. Thank you, al-Barran, for believing in me.

Yours in Service,

Master James David de Argentias

From the Knight Marshal

Greetings al-Barran.

As we come into the month of May, we find many great events on the horizon. The first of which is Drygestan May Day Melees on the 6th. I encourage all fighters to join me in supporting and fighting with our brothers and sisters to the north. It will be a fine opportunity to work on our small unit tactics and coordination. Then of course we have Grand Outlandish on May 25th thru the 29th. There will be many opportunity to fight in both tourney and melee. This is the time to polish up your armour and put on the finest spectacle for all!

Over the spring and summer months I want to organize a series of classes in

individual skills to be held at fighter practice. I am looking for input as to which skills (single sword, glaive, great sword, etc) people are most interested in picking up this summer. Please see me at the park with any suggestions and ideas.

Remember the first day of each month through the summer is dedicated to the practice of melee skills! So if there is only one practice you can make it to make it this one. Sir Bohemond and Argent company has invited all to join them in their drills and exercises before melee practice starts in earnest. I will also be calling for at least one set of melees at EVERY fighter practice in order to help us all keep the melee skills in mind through out the summer months. Let the training for war being now!

In Service to al-Barran
THL Chimua al-Naran

From the Rapier Marshal

Salutations,

Spring zephyrs bring change to the Kingdom, and Coronation marks one of many. Following on its heels is Outlandish. I am confident that we will enjoy the rapier tournaments Lord Gauvain has thoughtfully planned. Speaking of tournaments, Tournament Sundays at the park will be held the third Sunday of the month.

As the summer season begins, keep an eye out for new faces at practice. Introduce yourself, share your knowledge and skill, and you'll be likely to find yourself learning something in return. Heed the season—drink plenty of water and slather on the sunscreen; skimp on neither! Additionally, portable shade can be your friend AND afford you the opportunity to make new friends by sharing some respite from ol' Sol.

I am sad to say that this will be my last writing as Baronial Rapier Marshal as I will be stepping down at Outlandish. A huge thank you goes to Baron Ryan and Baroness Tana for this opportunity. I would like to personally thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your support and encouragement. It has been my pleasure to serve the Barony and the rapier community.

Yours in Service,
Elisabeau the Lighthearted

From the Arts and Sciences Minister

Greetings all,

This will be my last A&S article for the barony. Please keep your eyes open for a class schedule for Outlandish. The following activities have great potential for the artist or scientist looking to spend some time at Outlandish:

Outlandish Quest Sunday - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Bardic Sunday - 9:00 pm - 12:00 am
Dance Contest & Party in the Baronial Pavilion Friday - 9:00 pm - 12:00 am
Siege Cooking Competition Saturday - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (10 TEAMS)
Chess Tournament Qualifying Rounds Friday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Chess Tournament Sunday - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sir Dennis has qualified and is comfortable teaching CPR and has listed the following dates for his class:

Pro CPR: Saturday, 4/29 (8 hours). Cost will not go over $30.

Wilderness First Aid: Saturday, 5/6 (8 hours). Cost will not go over $30.

For more info, please email him at sirdenniswright@comcast.net.

Court dancing classes are happening on 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2 and 7/9 at Bataan Park from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Blaiddwyn is also doing dance classes:

Court Dancing for Fun and Popularity (by Dovey)
-7:00 to 9:00 the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
-in the Acoma room A&B on the third floor of the SUB

Bellydancing for the Shy and Out of Shape (by Saeloman)
-7:00 to 9:00 the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
-in the Acoma room A&B on the third floor of the SUB

Our summer arts program is getting rolling. Gammer Gurton's Needle has agreed to take the first 2 weekends in June:

June 4th lacis net embroidery
June 11th simple garb embroidery embellishment

No times have been confirmed yet.

Coming up:

May 24-29 Grand Outlandish XXXIII, al-Barran (Rhianwen, 263-4887)
Jun 16-18 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, Gleann Abhann
Jul 22 A&S Collegium, Blackwater Keep (Mari, 763-5359)

It has been an honor serving the people of this barony and I hope I was able to help all of you.

Sayidda A'isha

From the Baronial Scribe

In addition to doing baronial and kingdom scrolls for Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf event, baronial scribes have been active in creating kingdom scrolls for many events from Crown Tourney, Sworded Affaire, and Blackwater Defender. Scrolls by our local scribes are also in the works for Coronation. Thanks to THL Alexandra Brieschia Taylor, Lady Brighid Og inghean Neil, and Lady Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton for their scrolls for March events. Much appreciated for completing 2 or more scrolls for events from March through May are: Mistress Cailte Caitchairn. Mistress Monika von Zell, THL Ymanya Murray, Lady Elanor Dreamweaver, Lord Michael McQuillan, Lord Llywus ap Alan. If you received a scroll, don't forget to thank your Scribe!

Scribal Workshops continue under the direction of THL Ymanya and thanks to our host, THL Alexandra. Please call ahead before attending (256-1906). Scroll assignments are starting to come in for Grand Outlandish, the biggest event in the kingdom and one of the most important for scribal work; local scribes should let me know if they will be available to help. If you do not get an assignment, AoA promissories are always useful and appreciated. We are also working on back scrolls for presentation at Outlandish. If any has had their Arms approved recently and would like assistance in finding a scribe to do a Final Award of Arms scroll made, please contact me. Also local scribes need to be aware of a "Green and Gold" scroll competition to be held this summer at the Outlands XX Year Anniversary event. Rules have been posted in the Outlandish Herald and on the Scribes' List. Let me know if you need information. There will also be a scroll display at this event. I will be available to collect color copies of your favorite scroll for this event.

In service to the barony and the scribal arts, I remain

Mistress Monika von Zell

From the Scorpion Pursuivant

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in December 2005:

Michael M'Quilline. Name.

The following submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in December 2005:

Michael M'Quilline. Device. Per pale sable and argent, two natural seahorses respectant counterchanged. This device was returned for lack of forms.

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The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in January 2006:

Caoilinn inghean ui Sheanain. Name and device. Gules, a catamount's face per pale sable and argent jessant of a fleur-de-lys per pale argent and sable, a chief checky sable and argent.

Kymma Godric. Name change from Ceolwen æt Axanbrycge. This was accidentally left off the December 2005 LoAR. Her old name, Ceolwen æt Axanbrycge, is retained as an alternate name.

Muiredach MacGregor. Name and device. Argent, a squirrel sejant erect azure within a bordure azure semy of carrots Or.

No submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in January 2006:

The Baron and Baroness of al-Barran held a Guido court at Estrella War on Saturday, February 18, 2005. I reported the recipients of those Guidos in the March Shaft, but I left one off: Lady Dairine Ingen Mac Niall. My apologies to Lady Dairine for the omission and congratulations on the acknowledgement from Their Excellencies.

Their Excellencies held a court at Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf event on March 18th, 2006. The following awards were given out at that court:

Scorpion:
- Natasha Mechislav
- Odile Balestra

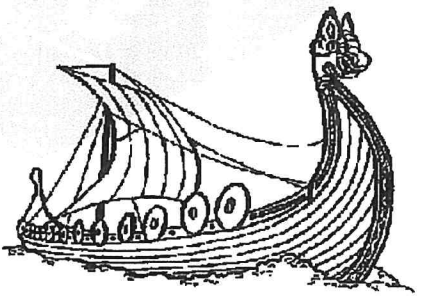
Antares Kano:

-Cassia bint Abdullah

Congratulations to all!

I plan on remaining Scorpion Pursuivant until Ryan and Tana step down, but I think it would be a good idea for those interested in succeeding me as Scorpion to send a letter of that intention to Their Excellencies.

In Service,
THL *Pendar the Bard*



Outlandish Fighting Scenarios

Lord of Outlandish (Saturday 10:00-1:00, tourney field)
Once again, it is the time of year when pageantry and endurance combine to become one of the most arduous tourneys around. This Lord of Outlandish tournament will be fought on Saturday, mace and shield, counted blows. So prepare your favorite breast plate and shine your favorite helm as this will be the epitome of chivalry and grandeur.

Romeo and Juliet heavy weapons style
Ladies and Gentlemen, lend your support to either the noble Capulet or the brave Montague. Both houses are desperate for your support in this highly charged and often deadly feud. As with all terrible feuds, houses and even families are often divided. Such is the case here. As you come thru the gate to the fair barony of al-Barran, each family will press you into service until you leave our fair event. As this may not be agreeable to all, I refer you to a list of curses ala Shakespeare: http::///eureka.mhsl.uab.edu/lp/si/insultwordlist.html

The Servants in the Street (Friday 10:00-12:00)
Each family breaks into a maximum of 3 man squads and these squads filter into the woods such that they are fairly dispersed. When lay-on is called, the squads "meander" until they encounter a squad from the other family. They then bait and curse the other squad until one side or the other cannot, in good conscience, withstand another insult. Then let the mayhem begin. The family with the most deaths loses this scenario.

Crashing the Party (Saturday 1:00-3:00, melee field)
The Baron of al-Barran is hosting a party for the noble Capulets. The Montagues hear the ugly rumor of a truly spectacular ball they were not invited to and decide to attend anyway. To get to the ball, they must first cross the drawbridge, skirt the guard tower, and successfully enter the palace. To accomplish this, the Montagues will have unlimited reinforcements, while the Capulets and Baronial guard will only have a limited number. Romeo must meet Juliet before she is killed (for the final time) or the Montagues lose this scenario. However, the Capulets are far too noble to send a young woman to her death by suicide.

Carrying glaives, halberds, and pikes thru the city is truly against His Excellency's law, so all combatants must use weapons 6 feet and under. No glaives, No spears. Each battle will be timed and after several rounds, the sides will switch to give everybody the opportunity to force the castle. Fastest time wins the scenario.

The Dance (Saturday 3:30-4:30 melee field)
This is a line tourney. The lines will be counter rotating. As each person gets to the end of the line, he/she will report total wins for that time thru the line to the list. Then that person will return to the other end of the line and go thru again as often as time allows. We will reset the lines and start over several times with approximately 15 minutes per set. If a fight is taking too long, the persons being stalled by the long fight simply go around and continue. If you are really good, you can jump in as a person goes from one fight to the next and steal his next kill. Any fighter retreating from the field will be considered killed after the 3rd time. The family with the most kills wins the scenario.

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Romeo or Paris (Friday 1:00-3:00, tourney field)
Each entrant must wear his Lady's or her Lord's favor. The winner of the Montague tourney is Romeo and the winner of Capulet's is Paris. These two champions will then fight a final 2 of 3 bout to determine which Lady is Juliet. If one of our many amazing and resourceful Ladies wins her house's tourney, then we would be honored to have her choose her Romeo or Paris. Our champions will then lead all who wish to partake in a grand melee.

The Letter
A person at random will be given the letter to Romeo and signs his/her name to said letter. Throughout the weekend, whenever the fighter with the letter fights someone, the winner of said fight gets/keeps the letter. Each person may only fight to gain the letter once, and once lost may not attempt to regain. Each person may only own the letter once. After each fight, the winner should record whom he/she defeated. The person who owns the letter must display it prominently and must be available for fighting from 9:00am thru 5:00pm.

This includes melees, although no names may be recorded for melees. If the letter owner get sidetracked into a melee and killed, then he/she simply looses the letter. The letter owner gets to determine who landed the killing blow and would then pass on the letter. If the person who killed the letter carrier has already had the letter, then the current carrier simply keeps it until killed by someone who has not had it. Except for melees, the winner may put each person he/she defeated and the best letter defender (most victories) wins.

Dagger Tourney (Friday 12:00-1:00, tourney field)
For those people who like fighting in close and personal, the dagger tourney is for you. This brutal tourney will test your speed and strength like few other fights.

Quest (Sunday 12:00-2:00, Town Hall)
Meet at Town Hall and travel the site in groups to fulfill the many stations of the Quest based on the theme of Capulets and Montagues. Teams will consist of a Fighter, Fencer, Archer and up to three other persons. A team member may fulfill more than one area of the requirements and members can switch within the teams, but the basic positions must be filled. Participants must show up ready to perform whichever marshal activity they wish to qualify for. The non-marshal members may be children and in fact children are highly encouraged to participate. There will be alternate verbal and physical activities planned for children throughout the quest. This will be a timed two hour quest. Persons can either form a team ahead of time or register individually to be placed on a team in need. Reading of the play Romeo and Juliet is HIGHLY encouraged. Teams may have books with them and we will provide copies for those who are lacking. The prizes (one for each member on a team) will be for the team who performs the most stations of the quest correctly in the shortest amount of time. There will also be a 'Host's Choice' prize given to the members of the team that we think are the most valiant, amusing, team-work oriented or just entertaining!

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Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting
3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: THL Chinua, 220-3136.*

Rapier Practice
Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lady Elisabeau, 891-4555.*

Westside Fighter Practice
First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am at Paradise Hills Park near the northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (west) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (it's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice
Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am. Please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice
Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household
Meeting will be on 5/9 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops
The study and application of all types of weaving and its history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

May Calendar of Events

1	*May Day*
5	*Cinco de Mayo*
6	MAY DAY MELEES *Drygestan*
7	MAY DAY CELEBRATION *Caer Galen*
13	*Full Moon*
13-14	CORONATION *Caer Galen*
14	*Mother's Day*
24-29	GRAND OUTLANDISH *al-Barran*
29	*Memorial Day*

"Give me my Romeo; and, when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night,
And pay no worship to the garish sun."

- ***Romeo and Juliet*, Act 3. Scene 2**
by William Shakespeare

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

	1	2 - Blaiddwyn Project	3 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales	4	5	6 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practice
7 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dancing	8 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	9 - Newcomer's Household Meeting - Blaiddwyn Project	10 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales	11	12	13 - Archery
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21 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dancing	22 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	23 - Blaiddwyn Project	24 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales	25 - A&S Exchange Workshop	26	27 - Archery
28 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	29 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	30 - Blaiddwyn Project	31 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales			
				Regular Activities Listings Pages 13&16 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities.		

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice
Our next Court Dance practices are 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2 and 7/9 at Bataan Park from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone age 6 and up is welcome. Lady Dovey is also leading court dance practices the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7-9pm in the Acoma Room A&B on the 3rd floor of the SUB at UNM. Please see the article in this issue for further details. *For more information, contact Lady Jayne at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join our free discussion list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/*

Scorpion Scales
Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians. Instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://home.comcast.net/~shiaomei/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on page 26 for current meeting place and monthly focus. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

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Blaiddwyn Project Conclave
Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

May Day Melees

May 6, AS XLI (2006)
Shire of Drygestan
Rancho Viejo Park
corner of Richards Avenue and Emory Pass
Santa Fe, New Mexico
9AM – 5PM
*Site Fee: $0 (regardless of age)

Hearken all! Come to Drygestan to celebrate in the New Year (AS, that is), albeit a week late! The Shire of Drygestan will be hosting a New Year's Party with a day in the park, full of melees to the fighter heart's content and fellowship for all! As this location is at an open space park, Rancho Viejo Park, the site is bone-dry. No pets are allowed on-site. A brass-bowl donation luncheon will be provided.

Please pay heed to Drygestan's website, www.drygestan.org, for updated event information and the luncheon menu.

Directions: Take your best route to the corner of Richards Avenue and Rodeo Road (Santa Fe, New Mexico). Turn R (or South) on Richards Avenue and follow it down a few miles into the Rancho Viejo/Windmill Ridge subdivision. The road will go past various in-and-out streets on the left and will eventually curve to the right. The park will be on your left. Look for the Drygestan banners and list-field.

Co-Autocrats: As always, please call with questions, but only before 9PM.

THL Boleslav Ragnarsson (Lonnie Boodman)
505-490-6762, luthien_00@yahoo.com
THL Maimuna al-Bukhariyya (Katie Daniel)
505-474-5736, thlmaimuna@yahoo.com

* Please be prepared to show proof of membership (either your blue card or the latest OH and a driver's license), otherwise the NMS of $3 will be charged to all adults.

Grand Outlandish XXXIII and Baronial Polling

May 24-29, 2006

Barony of al-Barran, Kingdom of the Outlands
Founders Ranch in Edgewood, New Mexico
Site opens for Pre-registered on Wed, May 24th at noon
General Populace may enter on Thursday, May 25th at 8:00 am
Site closes May 29th at noon
Site is wet.
http://www.grandoutlandish.org
Autocrat: Mistress Rhianwen o Enfys Disberod
(Linda Krecker) LKrecker@comcast.net 505-263-4887

A Veronan Transgression
Montagues & Capulets
Two households, both alike in dignity.
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene.
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny.
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

Grand Outlandish has many interesting activities in store this year. Of course, the Lord of Outlandish tourney taking place at 10 am Saturday and the Outlandish Blade Tourney at 1pm Saturday are two of the most anticipated. New this year will be a Quest on Sunday, done in our theme of Montagues & Capulets, and involving all types of Gentles. It should be a wonderful time.

The Baronial Polling will take place on Sunday from noon to 3pm at a designated space just inside the main gate. Persons who wish to poll only and not come to enjoy the event will not be expected to pay a site fee. Remember to bring your proof of membership.

Fees for arrivals on Thursday-Saturday:
Adults - $28
Children 17-6 - $14
Children 5 and Under - Free
Non-member Surcharge - $3 (adults only)

Fees for arrivals on Sunday:
Adults - $10
Children 17-6 - $5
Children 5 and Under - Free
Non-member Surcharge - $3 (adults only)

Remember if you want to come on Wednesday or use a family camp you must have been pre-registered by May 1st.

If you will be camping, you get the same spot you had last year unless you've made arrangements to move somewhere else. Each group occupying a site, whether shire, barony, or household, will be required to name a contact person for that area. The contact person will assist in finding people from their household if we need to locate them and will see that their household area is cleaned and the trash removed at the end of the event. When your group leaves the site

they will need to find THL Morris or one of his assistants for clearance for your group to leave.

Directions: Take I-40 (from either East or West) and turn off on exit 181, east of Albuquerque, NM. Go east on Old 66 to Highway 217, and then go South about 4 miles to Juan Tomas Road. Turn left (East) on Juan Tomas. Go about 1 mile to Barton Road and then turn left again (North). Take Barton Road North for approximately 1/4 mile to the Founders Ranch gate on the right. This gate is not marked with a name. The site is enclosed by a 7' woven wire game fence topped with a strand of barbed wire, so it's easy to recognize. Do not drive off the established roads, please. Do not stop or park on Juan Tomas Road or Barton Road. Go directly into the site.

Stags Bloodbath/al-Barran Baronial Investiture

July 8, 2006

Barony of al-Barran
Site opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 11:00 PM
Moriarty Civic Center, 202 Broadway, Moriarty, NM 87035
Autocrat: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard)
11100 Gibson SE I-193, Albuquerque NM 87123, E-mail: kballar@unm.edu
Phone: 505-615-9284 (Call only between 7 and 9 PM, E-mail preferred any time)
Site Fee: $8-Those aged 16 and older | Children 15 and under are free
$3-Non-member paying adults
Feast Fee: $7 for all ages
Make checks payable to the "SCA—Barony of al-Barran".
This is a dry site.

The sounds of War are fading but the watch at our borders is ever vigilant. Our troops are always at the ready for the battle cry may reach our ears at any time. To help keep our fighters at their peek, we have called for training, training and more training. The Stag must always prepare to defend our borders or come to the aid of His cousins in need.

Come join those in al-Barran for a day of fighter training and War preparedness. We are looking for revered fighters to share their knowledge and talents with you. We are also planning various classes dealing with other aspects to support our troops (heraldic display, armor and tactics, Lists of tournaments, favors, etc.) – something for everyone!! If you would like to share your talents, please get in touch with the class coordinator listed below.

Since our camping enjoyment is at a peak this July, we will have hotel offerings for your stay shortly available. More information will be forthcoming including the offerings we shall have at our feast to be prepared by Countess Monika and Mistress Richenza.

Directions: Take your best route to eastbound 1-40 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Head towards Moriarty (roughly 30 miles east of Albuquerque) and take Exit 196 and head right at the stop sign, then go right again at the first stoplight

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(west). After .2 miles, make a left on Broadway (next to the post office). After .2 miles, the Civic Center is left across the street from City Hall.

Please visit our website for more information:
http://www.al-barran.org/bloodbath06/

Autocrat: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (kballar@unm.edu)
Class Coordinator: Mistress Maria Sol de Leon (mariasol@fastmail.fm)
Site Coordinator: Lady Bronwen Blackwell (ldyblackwell@yahoo.com)
Royal Liaison: Baroness Cailte Caitchairn (karobert@unm.edu)

Three Stags Autumn Battle and Faire

September 1 – 4, 2006
Barony of Caerthe
Casey Jones Park, 4189 Highway 86, Elizabeth CO 80107
Site opens at noon on Friday, September 1st
Site closes at noon on Monday, September 4th

The Barony of Caerthe invites one and all to the exciting new event that will transport you to a medieval town faire, and challenge you to battles grand until you can fight no more!

Some of the planned events are:

A large list of tourneys and battles
Pageantry, pageantry, pageantry!
The Caerthen Warlord tourneys
A quest
Fencing till you drop
An herb walk
Archery
Ballista Bingo
A&S classes as part of the faire ambiance
Children's activities

We have plans to build a town square and the faire will have A&S classes that look as if they are merchant booths in a town. For instance, a shoe making class can look like a cobblers shop, a cheese making class can be a dairy/cheese shop, a sewing class can be a tailors shop, etc. Class ideas will be welcome; if you would like to teach one let me know. We are planning an Artisans Row, this will be where the artist of this Kingdom can set up a work-shop for the weekend. Those interested can stop and participate and learn the crafts demonstrated.

Shine up your helms, make your banners, and get your heraldic garb together! There will be a contest for the best heraldry display, for individuals and households, and a contest for the best display of Kingdom, Baronial, Shire, and Canton colors and devices. Make something to show your pride in your Kingdom! A parade through the town to the beginning of the Pas-de

Arms tournament will show all your finery off.

Site Fee Schedule:

Jan. 1 thru May 31
Friday-Monday Adult $18.00, Kid $10
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $45.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids $55.00
Saturday-Monday Adult $15.00, Kid $10; Family Cap: same as above

June 1 thru August 15
Friday-Monday Adult $20.00, Kid $10.00
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $55.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids $65.00
Saturday-Monday Adult $18.00, Kid $10; Family Cap: same as above

At The Gate:
Friday-Monday Adult $30.00, Kid $15.00
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $65.00; 2 adults & 3+kids $75.00

Day Trip: Adult $10.00, Kid $6.00

Please see our web site for more info: **http://www.threestagsevent.com**

Autocrat: Mirianna Wrenne of Ravenswood 303-394-4003 (voztemp@yahoo.com)
Co-Autocrat: Johannus Matlock (rmatlock@co.jefferson.co.us)

From the Chronicler

Greetings unto all,

This is my final report as Chronicler for this great Barony. It's been a blast working with all of you. Thanks go out to all of you who have contributed artwork, articles, poetry, and general information for this newsletter. It wouldn't have been the same newsletter without you. It's been fun getting the Shaft together each month, and the efforts of my lady and my daughters have been very welcome. Kymma has also done an excellent job as my directory deputy and I can only thank her constantly for her efforts. Thanks also need to go to my deputy Lady Bianca, without her "encouragement" I'd never have taken the job in the first place. I'm glad I did though.

Thanks go to Michael as always for his look into the lives of some of the more notable/notorious members of our Barony. You've brought a lot of humour into our lives and if you ever stop inking out Pony World we'll certainly miss it. Thanks to Maria for her winning artwork for the Outlandish XXXIII t-shirt. Ain't it awesome?

I know that Kymma will do an excellent job as Chronicler and I hand over the reigns with full confidence that the quality will only go up. This edition of the Shaft is her work and doesn't it look great! I look forward to the future editions.

It has been my honor to serve the Barony as Chronicler and I look forward to serving the Barony as Seneschal.

In Service,
Lord Y Port Lairge

From the Web Mistress

Greetings unto all,

In March, these were our numbers:

Overall accesses	46,024	Homepage accesses	964
Overall visits	5,411	Homepage visits	448

We also had 950 hits to the Grand Outlandish site. Please check out the Outlandish site at grandoutlandish.org for all the Outlandish information.

The Stags Bloodbath site is up now too: http://www.al-barran.org/bloodbath06

In Service,
Lady Melody

From the Quartermaster

Greetings to the Populace of al-Barran,

Spring is here and it's time to polish that armor and repair those tent poles and get ready for Grand Outlandish. Reminder to all coordinators to please plan keep pick ups no later than **2 weeks** before the event. Lady Kira and I will be issuing inventory form receipts for items checked out from the keep, so remember to bring your membership cards for signing out.

The office is still looking for a reasonably priced 5x8 or 5x10 trailer to make hauling accessible to Grand Outlandish and other local events. If anyone has info on such a miracle please contact Lady Natasha at scotishtrollop@yahoo.com.

I have been our Baronial Quartermistress for almost 2 years and the time has come for another member of our great barony to be the master or mistress of The Keep. I will be accepting petitions until the June's citizen's meeting and my successor will be named at Stags Bloodbath.

Please list why you may be qualified for this position, what baronial service you have done before and what strengths and weakness you have for holding this office. Petitions can be e-mailed to me, Their Excellencies and Lord Y or given in person.

In Service to al-Barran,
Lady Natasha MacDuff

al-Barran Youth Team Information

Unto the great populace of al-Barran, does Lady Jayne Barber send greetings.

A lot of youth activities are planned for Grand Outlandish and Outlands 20th. A meeting of the al-Barran Youth Team will be held on May 21 at 11am, and we could use your help with youth activities at Grand Outlandish and at Outlands 20th.

Danielle, the coordinator for youth activities this year at Grand Outlandish, is planning lots of great classes and activities for the youth, May 26-28. For more information or if you want to volunteer to help, you can contact Danielle at GOT_youth@al-barran.org. Information for the youth will be posted at the event web site (grandoutlandish.org). Copies of all forms needed for minors at Outlandish are available there, as well. All minors will need 2 forms: the Minor's Consent to Participate and Hold Harmless Agreement and the Medical Authorization for Minors Form. If you are bringing a youth to Outlandish, for whom you are neither the parent or guardian, you will also have to bring to the event the "Child Guardian Consent Form," signed in advance by the youth's parent or guardian and notarized. If you wish to bring children under the Family Cap, you need to pre-register and pay by May 1st. Forms for pre-registration and other information regarding the Family Cap is available via the event website.

For youth activities at Outlands 20th, we also need your help! There will be three full days and many fun activities and service opportunities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the youth at our Outlands 20th Year Celebration, which will be hosted by the Barony of Dragonsspine at Cripple Creek, Colorado this July 27-30. Our youth will also be learning about the SCA, service and our Outlands history and I will be coordinating the youth activities for this event. If you would like to teach an A&S class, donate prizes, host a youth activity, teach our youth a skill or Outlands history, talk with them about the SCA, help with youth classes and activities or you have ideas to share or ways they can be in service at this event, please contact me at krege@aps.edu as soon as possible

I am also looking to borrow a pavilion with sidewalls to use for the youth activities, since the weather can be cold, rainy and windy in this area. One that is around 20x20' (or larger) would be ideal.

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 21st at Bataan Park at 11am. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. Go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ to join this free discussion list.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber
Youth Activities Information Contact Person

Baronial Polling Information

[Chronicler's Note: This letter originally appeared on the al-Barran discussion list.]

Greetings unto the noble people of al-Barran from Their Royal Highnesses, Bela and Claudia, Dread Lord and Lady of Argonia. Their Most Royal Majesties Hrorek and Caoilfhionn have decided to allow Their Heirs to handle all aspects of the upcoming polling to determine the successors to Their Excellencies Master Ryan and the Honorable Lady Tana; as the polling and subsequent investiture will take place in the Heirs' reign as Crown. We would like to thank Their Majesties for giving Us permission to work with the great Barony of al-Barran in this endeavor. We would remind the candidates to be sure and send your letters to both the Crown and to Us by the stated deadline of Friday, April 28th, 2006.

Their Excellencies of al-Barran have posted to this list the requirements for letters of intent for those good gentles interested in submitting themselves for consideration as the new Baron and Baroness. These letters are considered by Us to be private correspondence between the candidates, the Crown and Their Heirs; and as such are not to be published on the Baronial web page or on this list. We understand that the good people of al-Barran would want to know what the candidates' plans are should the polling favor them, and to this end We encourage all members to seek out the candidates and ask questions of them in order to know them and their goals for the Barony of al-Barran more fully. In this way, the Barony will get a chance to learn more about the candidates and then make an informed decision when they give Us their opinions on the matter.

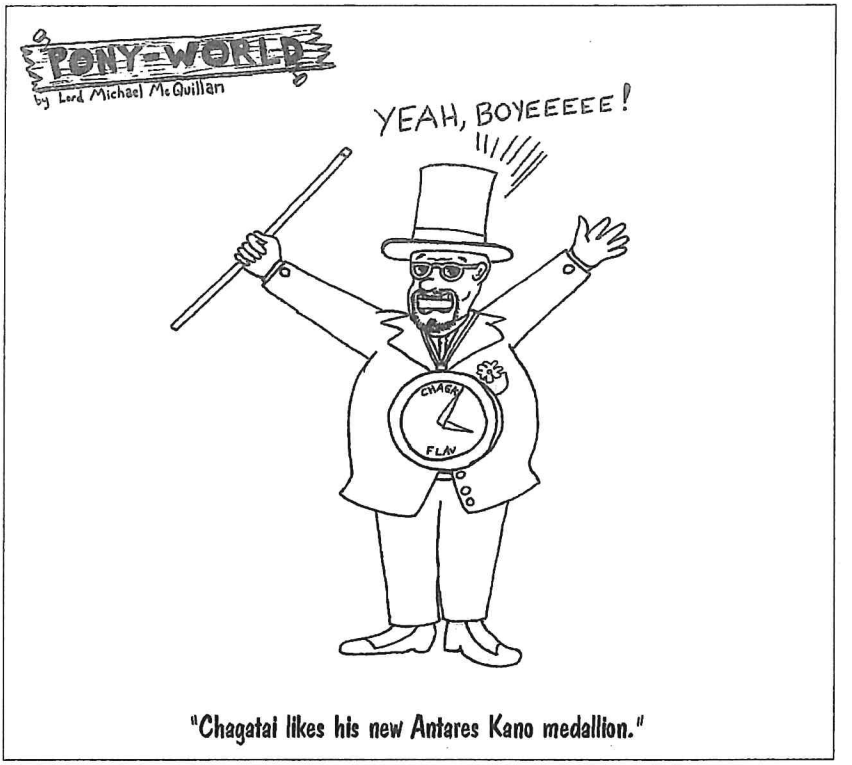
There will be a Meet the Candidates event at the regular practice park, Sunday 5/21 from 1-3pm. The Baronial polling will be held at Grand Outlandish, Sunday 5/28 from 12-3pm. You may contact either Their Excellencies, the Kingdom Seneschal or the al-Barran Seneschal for further information.

We would like to thank Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana for the wonderful job they have done these past years, serving the Barony, Kingdom and Society. We are saddened to see them go, but We understand that it is the proper time for them to do so. We look forward to working with the next Baron and Baroness of al-Barran in the coming months.

In Service to the Outlands,

Bela — PRINCE

Claudia — PRINCESS



"Chagatai likes his new Antares Kano medallion."

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Templar Torchlight Tourney (Saturday 7:00-10:00pm, tourney field)
This fund raising tourney allows you to bid on your favorite fighter. There will be fun, tension, cheers, and much sashaying as the noble fighters work to increase your bid and be your favorite.

Traditional Melees
For those people who think Outlandish must have its traditional melees, they will include:

Stag's Blood vs. Children (Saturday 9:00-10:00 melee field)
al-Barran vs. World (Sunday)
Chivalry vs. World (Sunday)
Stags Blood/Thegns vs. World (Sunday)
Over/Under 30 (Sunday)
Boar Hunt
Box Battle

Notes
All tourney lists will open 30 minutes before the tournament is to begin. If overlap occurs, arrangements will be made. Have your authorization card with you. Marshals will be available each day until 5:00pm for melees.

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Court Dancing

A special thank you to Lady Dovey who has been teaching court dancing classes on Monday evenings and Lord Canus who has taught court dancing at the park lately. Thanks also to Lady Lyneya and Amy who helped teach with me at the El Dorado Renaissance Festival demo. I am excited that Blaiddwyn is sponsoring court dance practices and belly dancing classes on Mondays at 7-9pm in the Acoma Room A&B on the third floor of the SUB at UNM. Lady Dovey is leading court dance practices on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month and Lady Saelomon is teaching belly dancing on the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

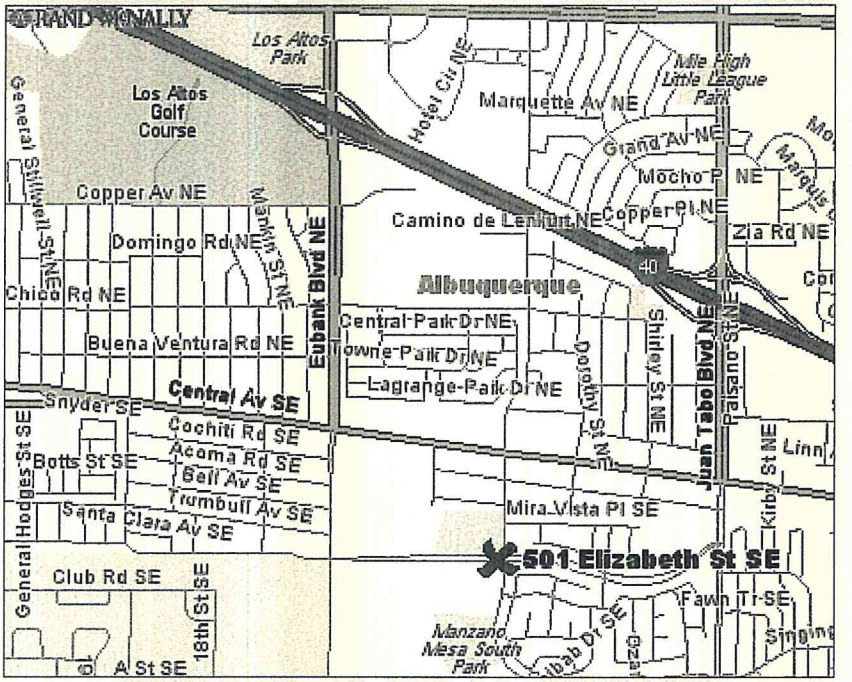
Gammer Gurton's Needle

Meetings will be held again at our delightful hostess, The Honorable Lady Delia, the Rose of Thorncastle's house. Her address is 5914 Aspen NE, on the SW corner of the intersection of Aspen and San Pedro between Indian School and Constitution. We are meeting every Monday evening at 7pm and we do not wear garb. We are doing serious planning for the upcoming months. Please contact us if you are interested in seeing any needle art class taught. Some of the popular ones have been on blackwork, beadwork, lace-making (we can do braid or clothwork motifs and both are period), basic embroidery embellishments for your costumes, needlepoint, and many others. Please share your thoughts. If you can't come to the planning meeting or Monday evening is bad for you we may be able to arrange another time. Contact Rosamond de Preston (865-9082 or simmonsbookstore@gmail.com) or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle (232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com) for more information.

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on May 16th. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David at 830-6904 for further information.

Driving Directions:
Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

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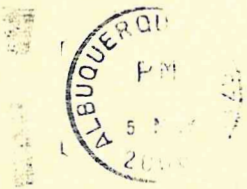

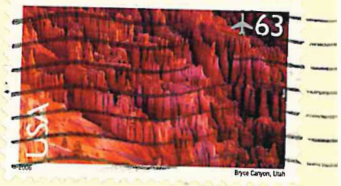

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